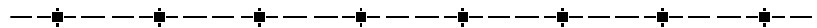


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A Young Son, An Unexpected Hero

David

I Samuel 16-17

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An Unexpected Hero
I Samuel 17:43-50

Memory Verse:

I have found David, the son of
Jesse, a man after My heart,
who will do all My will.
(Acts 13:22 NIV)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that David knew that the battle belonged to the Lord.
2. Understand that David believed God would deliver Israel.
3. Learn that David knew that Goliath's size did not matter.
4. Recognize that David understood that God was with him.

Last week we learned that Jonathan was a prince in Israel. Jonathan believed that God would tell him when to go to battle. He knew that God was with him. Jonathan believed that God would deliver Israel from their enemies and God did.

Read the Bible

READ: I Samuel 17:43-50 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin With Prayer

After Saul was king, God told Samuel to anoint another king. So Samuel went to Bethlehem. When he arrived Samuel told the elders that he was going to sacrifice to the Lord. He invited them to join him. Then Samuel invited Jesse and his sons to sacrifice with him. (I Samuel 16:1-5) Samuel knew that God had chosen the next king from among Jesse's sons.

When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel saw Eliab. Samuel thought because Eliab was tall and handsome that he was the one God had chosen. (I Samuel 16:6) "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. I do not look at the things people look at. Man looks at how someone appears on the outside. But I look at what is in the heart.'" (I Samuel 16:7 NIV)

Jesse had seven sons walk in front of Samuel but God had not chosen any of them. So Samuel asked Jesse if he had other sons. (I Samuel 16:8-11) Jesse told Samuel that the youngest son was taking care of the sheep. Samuel told Jesse that they would not sit down to eat until the youngest son arrived. When David, the youngest son arrived, Samuel looked at him. "His skin was tanned. He had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Get up and anoint him. He is the one.'" (I Samuel 16:12 NIV) The Bible says that David was a man after God's heart, who did God's will. (Acts 13:22) So Samuel anointed David with olive oil. That day God filled David with power. Then Samuel left and went back to Ramah. (I Samuel 16:13)

The enemies of Israel, the Philistines, got ready to fight Israel. You may remember that Jonathan and his armor bearer also fought the Philistines. The Israelites lined up their army on one side of a valley and the Philistines lined up on the opposite side of the valley. But the Philistines had a giant named Goliath who would shout and ask for one man to come and fight against him. In his challenge to the Israelites, Goliath promised that the army of the loser would serve the winners. Since Goli-

David — Bible Facts

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2. God chose David to be king.
3. Samuel anointed David.
4. Saul tried to dress David in his armor.
5. David killed Goliath with a sling.

ath was a giant the Israelites were afraid. (I Samuel 17:1-11)

One day while Goliath came to make his challenge (which he did for 40 days), David heard him. David had gone to check on the three older brothers who had gone with Saul to fight against the Philistines. (I Samuel 17:12-24) The men of Israel told David that Saul would make the man who went against Goliath a rich man and would also give him his daughter in marriage. (I Samuel 17:25-30)

Someone heard David asking about it and told Saul. So Saul asked that he come talk to him. David had to convince Saul that he was not too young to fight Goliath. He told Saul that God had helped him kill a lion and a bear as he took care of his father's sheep. (I Samuel 17:31-36) David said, "I'll do the same thing to this Philistine... He has dared the armies of the living God to fight him... The Lord saved me from the paw of the lion ... from the paw of the bear... He'll save me from the powerful hand of this Philistine, too." (I Samuel 17:36-37 NIV) So Saul sent David to fight Goliath. Saul tried to dress David in his own armor, but it didn't fit him. So David did not wear Saul's armor. (I Samuel 17:37-39) David went to a stream and selected five smooth stones. He took his sling and went to confront Goliath. When Goliath saw how young David was he was angry. (I Samuel 17: 40-42) He yelled,... "curses on David in the name of his god... 'I'll feed your body to the birds of the air! I'll feed it to the wild animals!'" (I Samuel 17:43-44) "David said to Goliath, 'You are coming to fight against me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin. But I'm coming against you in the name of the Lord who rules over all. He is the God of the armies of Israel. He's the one you have dared to fight against....'" (I Samuel 17:47-48) David ran to attack Goliath. As Goliath moved closer towards David, David took out a stone, put in his sling, slung it at Goliath, and killed him. (I Samuel 17:48-50) God sent Jesus to deliver us from sin. We can trust God to save us.

Review Questions

1. **Who was David?** (David was son the of Jesse.)
2. **Who chose David to be king?** (God chose David to be king.)
3. **Who anointed David?** (Samuel anointed David.)
4. **What did Saul do?** (Saul tried to dress David in his armor.)
5. **What did David do?** (David killed Goliath with a sling.)

Do you know Jesus?

God sent Jesus to deliver us from sin. Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He rose from the dead. Because He is alive, we can have a personal relationship with God. God wants us to believe in Jesus so that we can live with Him in heaven forever. (John 3:16) Would you like to do that?

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to save us from sin.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him the way David did.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God.

Application

David understood that the battle belonged to the Lord. Like Jonathan, he believed that God was with him. David knew that Goliath's size did not matter. He understood that God was with him. David knew that God would deliver Israel. God wants us to trust Him and believe in Him, the way David did. God wants to deliver us from sin and from all our enemies.

Planning for the next week:
Saul and David (A Foolish King is Rejected) — I Samuel 13-26

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: I Samuel 17:43-50 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

(Decorate your room with lions and bears.)

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David told Saul that God had helped him kill a lion and a bear as he took care of his father's sheep. (I Samuel 17:31-39) David was very brave because he knew that God would help him.

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Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him the way David did.
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Did you know? Preschoolers can learn that God can be trusted.

Consider this: (Do this ahead of time.) Enlist a fireman, a policeman, a doctor, etc. to come talk to the children. Ask them to tell about their job. Then ask them to tell the children about God's protection. If you do not know anyone who can come, perhaps you can enlist someone to dress up.

Learning Activities

Memory verse activity — Create double-sided cards. On one side write a word from the memory verse. On the other side place pictures of sheep, harp, sling, stones, etc. (things related to the story). Place the cards on the picture side and have the children turn them over and place the verse in order. Have the children practice the verse until they learn it.

Test your memory — Bring a recording of harp music. As you tell the story play the harp music. Rewind it and ask the children to retell the story. Tell the children that David played the harp.

Taste activity — Make blue Jell-O and put five pieces of fruit or candy in it. Remind the children that David chose five smooth stones to fight Goliath.

Think about it — Bring five smooth stones. Ask another adult to come in and stand on a chair. Have the children stand next to that person. Remind the children that Goliath was a giant and David was a youth.

David believed that God would help him defeat Goliath. But then Goliath started yelling and coming towards him. Talk about what they might feel and what David might have felt.

David was anointed king, but he didn't get to become king right away. Talk about waiting for God's time to do things.

Touch activity — Make a slingshot like the one David carried. Check the Internet for ideas.

Run and play — Ask the children to play "Red Rover." Tell them that the Philistine and Israelite armies stood in lines with a valley between.

Listen — As they take time to listen to God, remind the children that God wants us to trust Him and have faith in Him.

Sing — Sing "Only Believe," "The Lord's Army," or other songs related to the story.

Memory Verse

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a man
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Acts 13:22 NIV

Word Art

Trace the letters.

David

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Word Puzzle

K T E N I F S I L I H P
H S E N I T S I L I H P
S H W S A N R S I I R N
D E T E E I F S E T N U
E P M I Y O U N G E S T
L H U M P N T S E R V E
T E N E E A H A R E P V
T R E N O F S I R C A S
A D S E C I F I R C A S
B R O T H E R S D N J S
A R H R D O L A O T O V
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P D B M T F C H O S E N
W C X J K N F S R G P L
E N E M I E S K D S C H
M N J R B R O T H E R S
B R P R F W J T Y D K L
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E N E M I E S K D S C H

M N J R B R O T H E R S

B R P R F W J T Y D K L

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Anagram

1. eessj -

2. vddia -

3. iaebl -

4. eehhblmt-

5. ueslm-

6. dlro -

7. eedslr -

8. oaihtg -

Anagram

1. eessj - JESSE
2. vddia - DAVID
3. iaebl - ELIAB
4. eehhblmt - BETHLEHEM
5. aveslm - SAMUEL
6. dlro - LORD
7. eedslr - ELDERS
8. oaihtg - GOLIATH